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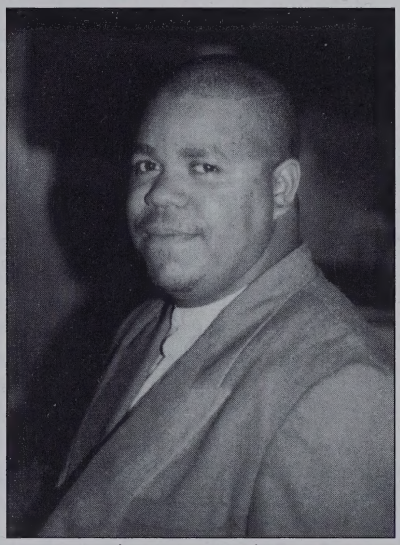

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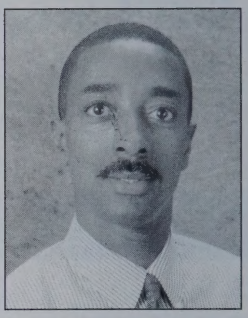

Maurice E. Singleton, Jr.

The church for many years has been at the center of the African-American community. Before the telephone was a common thing in all homes, it was customary for African Americans to learn of births, deaths, illnesses, engagements, weddings, students going off to college, young men going off to serve in the military or going off to war; or whatever news or information was out there was discussed after church. The church was the center of communication in the African-American community.

In many ways the church remains at the center for social activity. Revivals often conclude with huge feasts, with tables lined from one end to the other with a variety of dishes prepared by the women in the church. Visiting pastors bring their families, and oftentimes young boys and young girls meet each other for the first time at revivals and other church activities. My parents met each other approximately fifty years ago at a church-related activity.

The church also played an important role in the civil rights era. In many cases, churches provided meeting places for the local NAACP and SCLC branches during the 1960's and beyond. Often, the leadership of the church and the leadership of the organization was made up of the same people. We all remember Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s role at Ebeneezer Baptist Church in Montgomery as well as his role in the S.C.L.C.

Over the years the church has assumed more and more responsibility in areas where other entities have failed or are failing. For example some churches provide tutoring for elementary, junior high and high school students after school. Some provide food programs and day care services. Others provide counseling for married couples and provide programs for members suffering from drug-addiction or alcoholism.

Whatever its calling, the African-American Church has attempted to address the needs of its congregations. The needs, however, appear to be mounting. Greg J. Reed in his book Economic Empowerment Through The Church points out that the African-American church responded to slavery and to the civil rights era, and now must address the needs of the community during the post-welfare era. Hundreds of thousands of men and women are going to need considerable help in their transitions to work environments, finding work or training and maintaining jobs.

There is more than enough responsibility to go around for every African-American church. Some churches have been proactive and already have programs in place to at least begin the process. Others are seeking grants. Some others have workers in place on their actual church sites, while some others have representatives in place acting as liaisons between business and industry and potential workers. The ball is beginning to form, and it appears that some churches at least are making an attempt to get it rolling. Still, this is an awesome challenge. Institution after institution has failed at finding suitable employment - meaning employment that provides a livable wage - for the scores of unemployed and underemployed.

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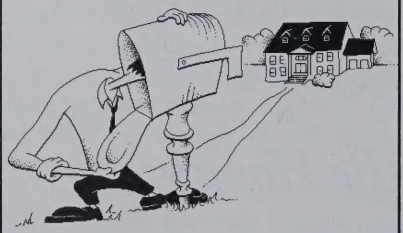
Keep up the good work!

Sincerely,
Donna M. Williams
Jackson, Mississippi



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LETTERS

Dear Brother Singleton,

Throughout this year I have been entangled in many of your articles, and the special touch of the SPIRIT that seems to go into every page of the *Mississippi Star*. Therefore, I would like to say thanks for the dream and for focusing African-American fathers and those that want to be that are in the Deep South.

When I laid eyes on the June issue, I knew it spoke to me; and that it did. Brother Singleton, I am praising God because there is a need for people to see that legacies are living among us still today. I'm speaking about the interview with Dr. Gilbert R. Mason, Sr.

It literally ran chills down my spine when I read about one of the first African-American physicians to blaze trails and to accomplish great things in many areas while standing in a time of discrimination and segregation, and still see the need to fight for family values, human rights and brotherly love.

Dr. Mason didn't get too big for his britches and overlook the community in which he grew and grew him, but because of his commitment to his community he was still trying to fill them. In the fight for our beaches, because blacks weren't always able to go there, he didn't mind laying down the sterile surgeon's tools and picking up and old dirty bat to operate on misguided hardened hearts.

This article touches me for several reasons, most importantly because of what I was going through in the mid-80's. A cross was burned in my yard; I received threatening letters and phone calls; and my car was vandalized. It was men and women like Dr. Mason and the NAACP that came to my rescue. Young I may be, but there are somethings a young man just shouldn't have to go through.

Lastly, the thing that makes it all so great is that I've had the opportunity to know this man and shake his hand, the same hand that befriended Brother Medgar Evers, Aaron Henry and many others, the same man whose name was on a hit list and whose skin is like mine. Dr. Mason, my hat's off to you, and I thank God for you. Keep up the the great work, and I pray others follow the path you've blazed. I am.

Yours in God,
Pastor Kevin L. Payton
Bethlehem Baptist Church
Wiggins

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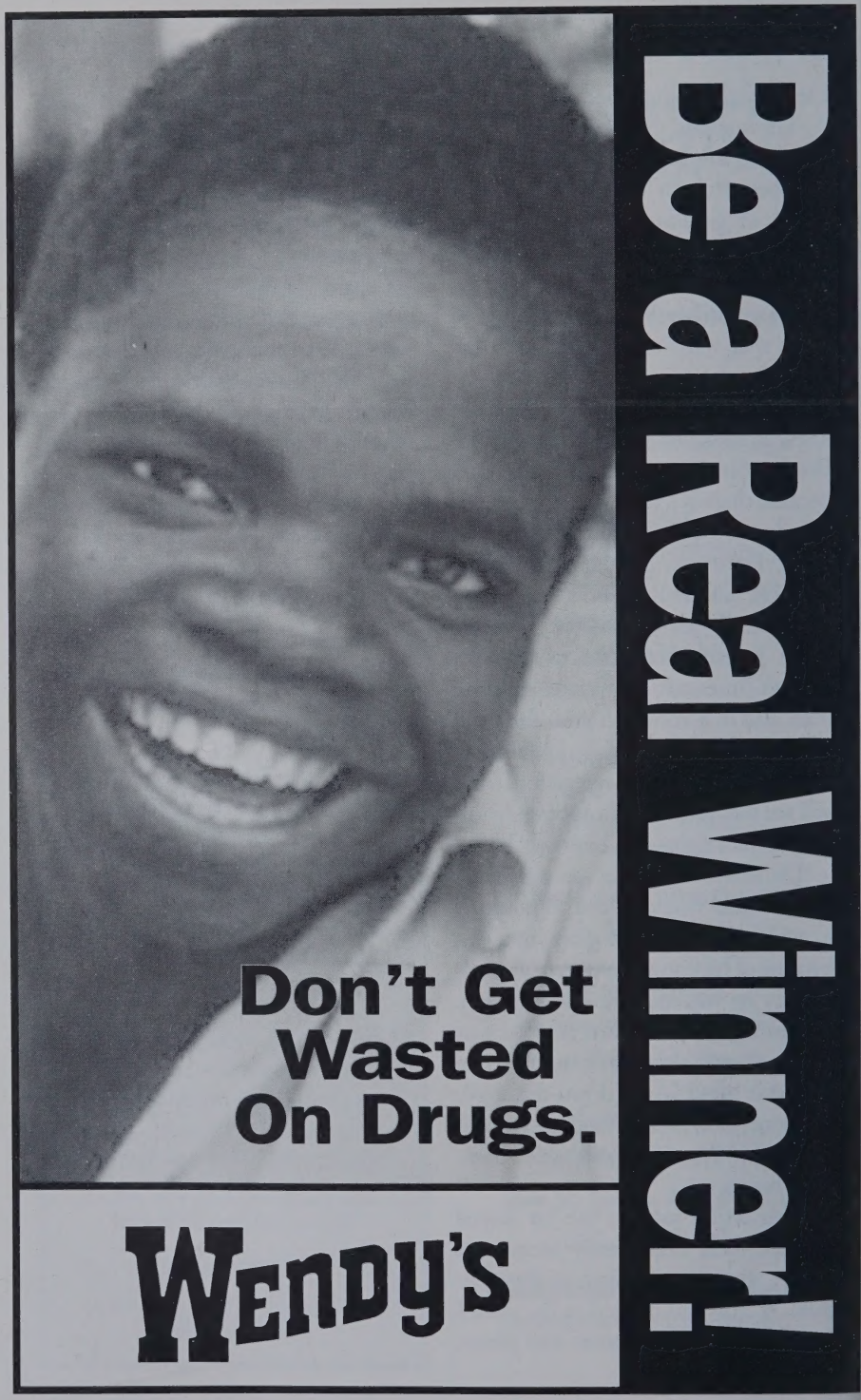
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CONNER COURT DEDICATION

Supervisor Robin Midcalf holds live plant arrangement given to her by community center youth.

Valerie Hill holds Eugenia Conner's Ole Miss basketball jersey presented by the Conner family to the Harrison County Isiah Fredericks Community Center.

Ms. Midcalf and Shirley Conner, mother of the late Eugenia Conner.

Youths cut ceremonial ribbon as Christina Brice, Executive Director of W.H.Y. (Workers Helping Youth), Supervisor Robin Midcalf and Harrison County Board of Supervisors president Larry Benefield look on.

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Permanent memorial to Eugenia Conner adjacent to basketball court named in honor of the late basketball player and role model.

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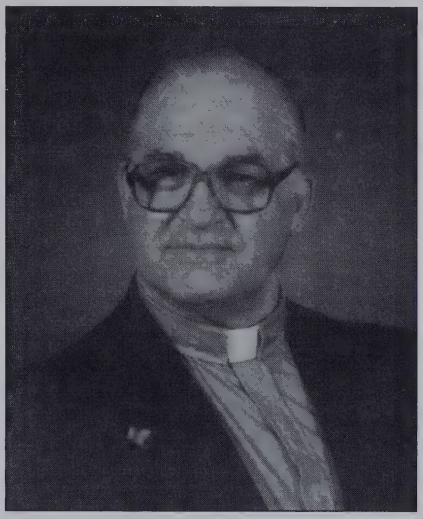


FR. A. FRANCIS THERIAULT

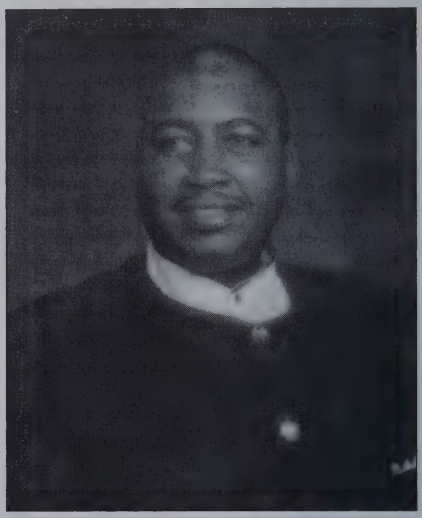
Fr. A. Francis Theriault is completing his fifth year as pastor of St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis. A native of Cambridge, Massachusetts, "Fr. T" - as he is called by just about everyone in Bay St. Louis - is no stranger to Bay St. Louis or Mississippi.

Fr. T's connection with Mississippi began in 1950 when he enrolled in the first class to integrate St. Augustine Seminary in Bay St. Louis. He was ordained a priest on June 24, 1955 and completed his studies in 1956. In his first assignment, he served St. Rose as assistant pastor to Fr. John Bowman, teaching catechism, coaching basketball and baseball and teaching swimming.

While serving as assistant pastor of St. Francis Church in Yazoo City, Father T was jailed for being too friendly with Black youths and for getting a haircut in the "black barber shop." After five years in Yazoo City, Fr. T's next assignment was an inner-city parish in St. Louis, Missouri where he ran a youth center and a skating rink.

At present Fr. T serves on the board of Bay Catholic Elementary School and The Hancock County Youth Task Force of Save Our Children Center. He is vice president of the Hancock County Branch of the NAACP and a member of the board of the Gulf Coast Community Action Agency. He is a member of the Knights of Peter Claver and the Knights of Columbus, holding fourth degrees in each organization.

In 1992, Fr. T returned to St. Rose de Lima where his plans are to complete a six-year term and retire in 1998 at the age of 70. MS



PASTOR JEFFERY J. REED

"So he fed them according to the integrity of his heart; and guided them by the skillfulness of his hands." This passage in Psalms 78 best describes one of the most exciting and anointed ministers of the body of Christ today - Pastor Jeffery J. Reed. Pastor Reed is the founder and President of Power House of Deliverance Ministries, Inc., in Bay St. Louis and Picayune, Mississippi. Under his visionary leadership, Power House is one of the Mississippi Gulf Coast's most stimulating and growing ministries.

Pastor Reed began his career as a civil engineer/contractor and is an active pastor, speaker and Bible teacher. He has worked with pastors throughout the country to help economically and effectively design and build churches. As a speaker, Pastor Reed travels extensively throughout the United States and abroad preaching, teaching and training people to be effective in their Christian life. He trains young men from the community in Godly "work principles," hiring them during summer months in his contracting business.

As an author, he is currently working on a major release entitled From the Cave To The Throne. This book teaches Bible-based principles on effective leadership in the church. His first book, Bent Nails and Chipped Bricks, has blessed many, describing how through God you will discover how setbacks are only setups for comebacks; that you can rise above memories and hurts of the past and reach out for God's blessings!

Les Brown presented Pastor Reed with "The Spirit of Greatness Award" in March of 1996. He and his loving and devoted wife Tina reside in Bay St. Louis with their four daughters: Stephanie, Kendra, Tamara and Christa.

Stone County Non-Denominational Ministerial Alliance Takes Lead in Resolving Racial Incident

by Maurice E. Singleton, Jr.

Members of Stone County Non-Denominational Ministerial Alliance seated from left: Evangelist Marrie Kennedy, Rev. Jeffrey Griffin and Evangelist Melvina Corbate; Standing, Rev. Kevin L. Payton, Rev. Tommy Haralson, Rev. Allen Dennis, Rev. Leonard Galloway and Rev. Gerry L. James.

On April 26 approximately 20-25 African-American students who attended Stone County High School in Wiggins, their parents and minister gathered at a local service station in Wiggins at approximately 5:30 p.m. for the purpose of taking pictures and having prayer before the students left to attend their prom at the Orange Grove Community Center in

Gulfport. Shortly after they arrived employees turned off gas pumps, closed the service station and apparently called police who arrived in six black and white units and surrounded the station.

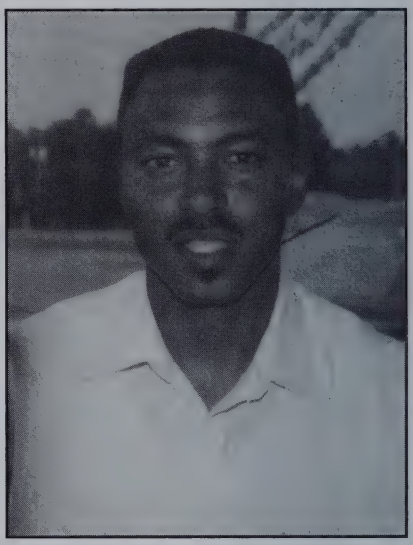
The officers ordered everyone to leave. One officer brought out a drug dog to support crowd-control efforts and claimed that he heard someone say something that he considered insulting and potentially damaging to the efforts of the police officers on the scene.

The officer ordered the dog to hold one young man "still". Consequently, there was an exchange of words between that particular officer and the young man, and the young man was arrested, handcuffed and taken to jail.

According to Rev. Kevin L. Payton, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist Church in Wiggins and a member of the Stone County Non-Denominational Ministerial Alliance, the actions of the police and sheriff departments were not necessary. "There was no rioting or behavior that required a police response" said Payton. "Everything was under control. An African-American officer was on the scene, and he had everything under control. And there were other officers present. There was a black female deputy present with her child who was going to the prom.

"When he released that dog, these children immediately realized that their freedoms were no more intact than they were during the Jim Crow days," Payton explained. "And what was particularly disturbing, earlier that day, white kids met at the same place prior to their prom and there was no problem. The doors were not locked; the pumps were not turned off; and the cops were not called. What is the difference?" Rev. Payton asked.

"It takes us back and begs the question: Why are our children still being judged by the color of their skin instead of the content of their character? Granted, we understand that this



As sales manager at U-Save in Gulfport, Rev. Payton gets ready for his next appointment.

is not all of our caucasian brothers and sisters, but there are still people demeaning the world which we live in by these types of feelings, these types of beliefs."

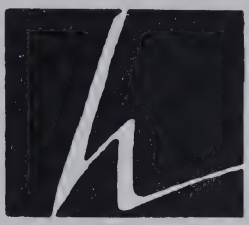
Immediately, members of the Stone County Non-Denominational Ministerial Alliance assumed the leadership role and met that following Monday night at Bethlehem Baptist Church in order to develop a strategy to deal with the many issues that resulted from the incident on that Saturday. "We talked about the needs of our community," Payton explained. "We also talked about what it was going to take to bring us closer together as a community: Whether or not we were

going to allow this to become just a meeting of sorts or if we were going to finally come together as a real community of people. We decided that we were going to do whatever it takes to make our community the best it could be, simply because our people had worked so hard to build the community, and their dollars were just as green as anybody else's.

"The mayor and other city officials desired a meeting with us," Payton explained, "so we met with a group of city officials which included councilmen, the mayor, supervisors, chief of police and the sheriff. That following Sunday morning, there were missionaries and ministers waiting at the doors of our churches trying to sway our decision to take action in the community. This was also an effort to keep our community in harmony rather than violence. After the meeting with the officials, we were assured that action would be taken to insure that our people would be treated fairly."

Historically, incidents such as this have been handled by organizations such as the NAACP. "The NAACP contacted us," Payton said, "but the Ministerial Alliance felt that we as local leaders needed to handle this in a different way unless legal action had to be taken. We wanted our community to know that there was still power in our local black men and women as well as our pulpits. We felt that this would only strengthen our churches."

Payton explained that the ministerial alliance was intact before the incident, but very inactive. "We saw a need for us to come together and to handle issues dealing with the spiritu-



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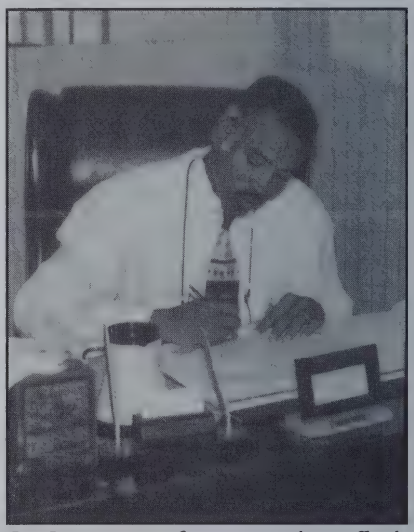
al side of our churches as well as provide leadership in the moral issues of our community. We all wanted the same thing, to raise up a better generation so that we wouldn't lose the next generation of young black men and women."

More than five hundred people attended a joint community meeting of the Ministerial Alliance and concerned citizens that Wednesday evening. "We discussed our strategy for handling the issues which resulted from that incident and invited the input of the people," Payton explained.

"We contacted WLOX and WXXV to cover the meeting and they did," Payton added. "That let people know that this type of thing was still going on, but it also made people aware that we would not stand by and continue to let this go on. Not that we are on a move of violence or anything of that nature, but we wanted peace, harmony and an equilibrium and a sense of respect."

The joint meeting of the ministers and citizens produced a list of nine demands. "We demanded that all charges against the young man arrested be dismissed and that his record be completely cleared by May 5, 1997. Secondly, that a complete investigation be made of the actions of all officers involved in the incident and that those found guilty be suspended without pay for violating the rights of the students and others involved in the incident. Thirdly, that the officer who brought the drug dog be suspended without pay for his actions in the incident, and that allegations of previous acts of racial discrimination by this officer be investigated and addressed in a manner satisfactory to the African-American community. Fourthly, that the police and sheriff departments, mayor, supervisors and aldermen issue a public apology to



Rev. Payton prepares for meeting with city officials in his office at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

the students and all those affected by this incident.

"Fifthly, that Chevron not only issue a public apology, but reprimand its employees for their actions in the matter. Sixthly, that a school assembly be held to issue a public apology to all students involved in this incident. Seventh, that Chevron reviews its hiring practices and employ African Americans at its Wiggins station. We demanded that all employees undergo sensitivity training before beginning work.

"Eight, that officer Reid Lowe be commended for his handling of the situation because he had everything under control prior to the arrival of other officers. Nine, that law enforce-

ment officers in the Wiggins area treat African American citizens with the same respect afforded to other citizens and that measures be taken to insure such treatment at all times."

Additionally, a boycott of Chevron was instituted but was lifted after Chevron hired three African Americans and dismissed several employees for their actions on April 26.

Note: At press time all but one of the demands had been met. The apology in the school assembly had not taken place.

The Stone County Non-Denominational Ministerial Alliance is made up of Pastor Len Galloway of Texas Chapel, Pastor Abrams of H.A. Brown Memorial United Methodist Church, Pastor Harolson of Amanda Chapel Baptist Church, Rev. Willie Hall of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Pastor Sim Poole of Sweet Bueler Baptist Church, Rev. Garry James of Faith Tabernacle Baptist Church, Pastor Allen Dennis of New Green Valley and St. Paul Baptist Churches, Rev. R.D. Collins, Sr. of Wiggins Church of God In Christ, Rev. Willie Goins of New Prospect Baptist Church in Bond, Rev. J.L. Jones of Mount Avery Baptist Church of Perkinston, Rev. Evans Williams of Morning Star Baptist Church and several other ministers.

"All denominations are represented (in the Ministerial Alliance)," Payton explained, "and it includes young ministers as well as older ministers, and male as well as female pastors."

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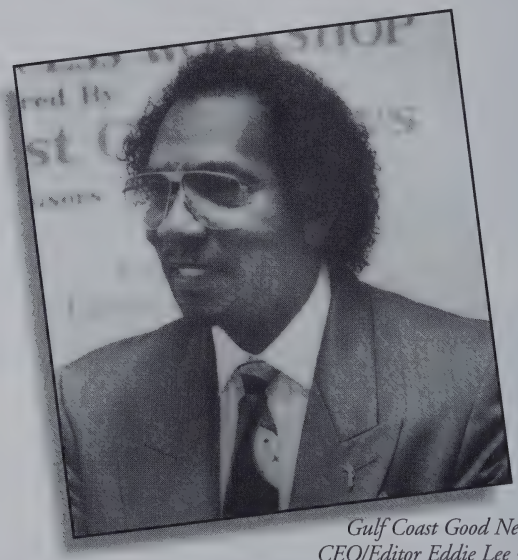
Ed and Michele Tillison exchanged wedding vows in a double ring ceremony at St. Rose de Lima Catholic Church in Bay St. Louis on May 31. The couple was joined by an estimated four hundred guests for an evening dinner reception at the Hancock County Civic Center.

Gulf Coast Good News Approaches Fifth Anniversary



Gulf Coast Good News
CEO/Editor Eddie Lee Corley

The *Gulf Coast Good News* will be celebrating its fifth anniversary on August 19. Located in its new office at 1419 Pass Road in Gulfport, The Good News continues its ambitious endeavor to offer a unique, but positive angle of informing its readers of what its CEO/Editor, Eddie Lee Corley considers critical to the future of a healthy and positive community.

"Being unique in this rapidly changing area of the Gulf Coast is a very ambitious endeavor," exclaims Mr. Corley. "Going with the flow or with what has worked for some time is usually acceptable for many businesses, but we dare to offer our readers the best of what we are as a society."

The *Gulf Coast Good News* newspaper is one of the most innovative and informative pieces of journalism to be put into print. This one of a kind

newspaper is the brainchild and heart of Mr. Corley, founder and CEO of this paper that's circulated throughout South Mississippi.

A deeply religious man, Corley believes in the power of being positive in one's thinking, one's words and one's deeds. He founded this paper because he knew it would be better to light one candle than curse in the darkness. He lit his candle, and that candle - *The Good News* newspaper, is lighting other candles, and the light is burning brighter than ever before.

What makes this newspaper such good news for the coast is its purpose: To report and promote good things in our community and bring helpful information to the readers. Though many organizations exist for the same kind of purposes, The *Good News* has the potential for unifying the community and calling together the resources organizations and individuals need in their pursuits of all their worthy objectives.

By informing Coastians of the efforts of others and putting individuals and organizations in touch, many great worthy causes are being advanced. The paper has promoted the Gulfport Exchange Club, Boys and Girls Club, Isiah Frederick's Center, American Red Cross, Gulfport Police and Fire Departments, Research Laboratory, environmental organizations, various educational programs, immunization drives, anti-illiteracy campaigns, organizations assisting the homeless and needy, job-training programs, financial success training seminars, community and family enrichment events, area emergency services and several other meaningful programs.

We are constantly scanning the

Coast and its outstanding citizens who live here for new information and inspiration that will improve the lives and outlook of its readers.

By spotlighting individuals for their outstanding achievements and service to their communities, the *Good News* offers positive role models for adults as well as children. Every issue is purposely filled with vital, helpful information. Because evil is promoted through recognition, you won't find negative news in The *Good News*. The *Good News* is for people who want to keep a positive, constructive approach to their lives and the lives of others.

Any successful person can tell you how essential positive attitudes, outlooks and expectations are to achievement. The *Good News* nurtures these attitudes and approaches to the needs and problems of individuals and our communities. This focus assures our success in every possible area.

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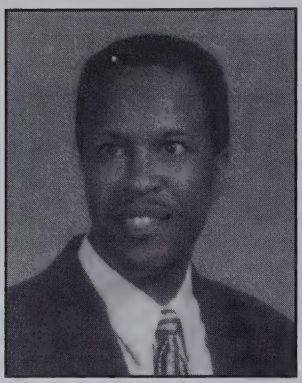

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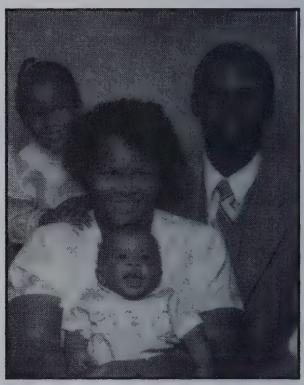

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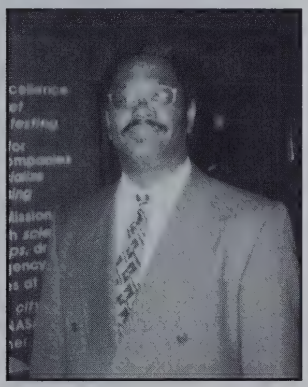

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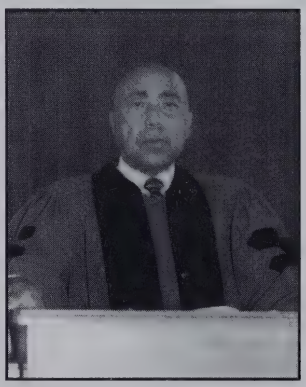

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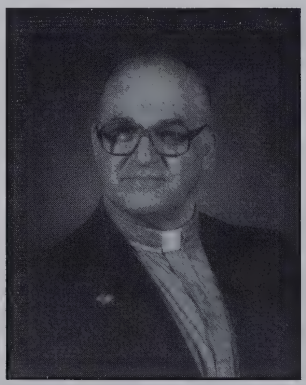

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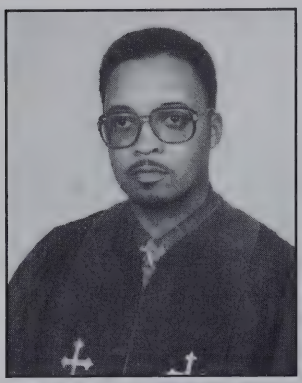

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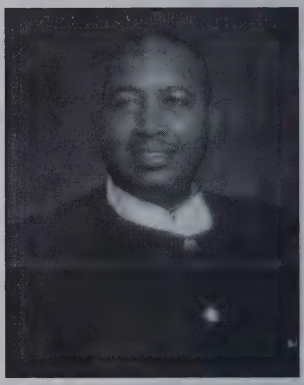

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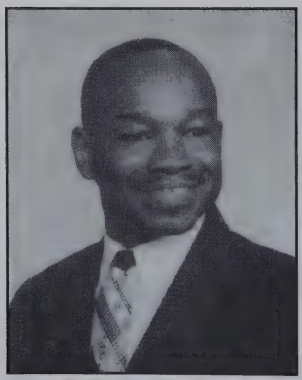

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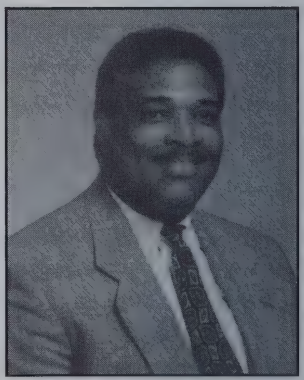

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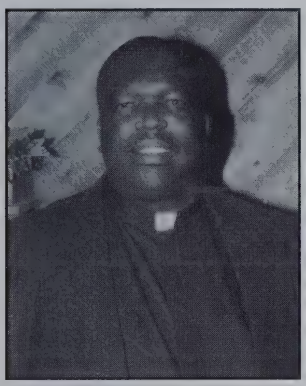

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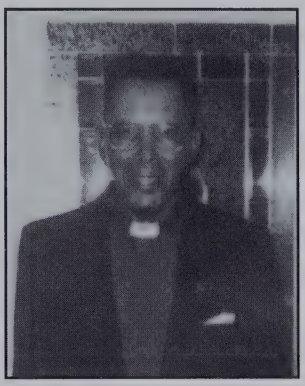

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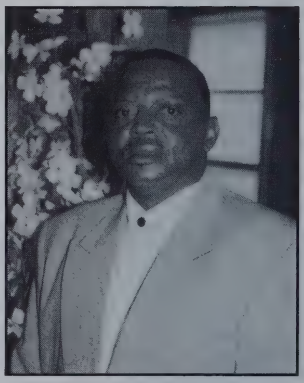

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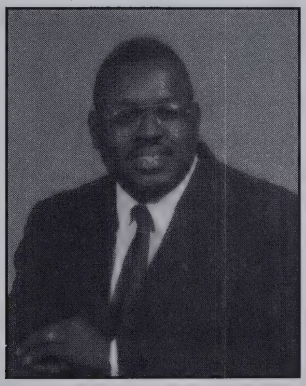

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JSU Receives grants to exhibit works of Jacob Lawrence

The Jackson State University Margaret Walker Alexander National Research Center has received grants totaling $37,900 to exhibit the works of renowned 20th century African American artist Jacob Lawrence. The exhibition is the first showing of a collection of Lawrence's works in Mississippi and is made possible through grants from the Metro Jackson Convention and visitors Bureau, Mississippi Humanities Council, Mississippi Arts Commission and the Arts Alliance of Jackson/Hinds County.

The exhibition, which opens September 2 will hang in the F.D. Hall Music Center Art Gallery through October 31, and coincides with the formal opening of restored historic Ayer Hall. A companion exhibition interpreting the life and career of internationally known author and JSU Professor Emerita of English Dr. Margaret Walker Alexander will open in Ayer Hall. Other activities include lectures, a slide presentation, guided group tours and a pilot educational project for students.

"We are very excited to have this exhibition come to Jackson State University. Jacob Lawrence is one of the greatest living 20th century artists in the world and we are pleased to be able to share his works with the citizens of Mississippi," said Dr. Alferdteen Harrison, Alexander National Research Center Director.

CAMP I CAN DO: *A Place for Children*

by Marilyn Vertison

Camp I can Do is a self-supporting non-profit ministry for the community. The camp operates under the Administrative Council within the outreach ministry of St. Mark United Methodist Church of Gulfport to provide a safe haven for children ages 3 to 13 years. The main goal of the camp is to develop an awareness of the Creator by instilling in children the importance of self-confidence, self esteem and self worth.

Presently, there are 30 children enrolled in Camp I Can Do. The camp consists of two four-week sessions. The first session took place June 2 through June 27. The second session began June 30 and runs through July 25.

Mrs. Eloise Faison Williams and Ms. Cathy Forte have served as Camp Directors since 1992. "The camp reaches out to a lot of people in the community providing something special to each family," explained Mrs. Williams. "When I see how devoted the church is to the community, it motivates me to be more active in the lives of our children. I am glad to be involved with a church that serves its community."

The camp provides weekly activities such as worship services, arts and crafts, skating, bowling, visits to the library, indoor and outdoor games and music. The campers go on field trips to places such as the Harrison County Jail, NASA Space Center and the Seabee Museum. Keeping the Children involved with educational and recreational activities is one of the main reasons why the camp is successful. At Camp I Can Do, children learn to share and care for others, to recognize the worth of all people, and to appreciate the arts and recreational activities for a lifetime of enjoyment.

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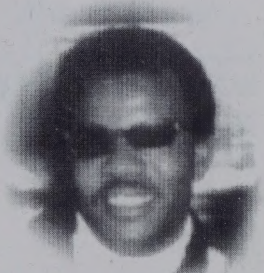

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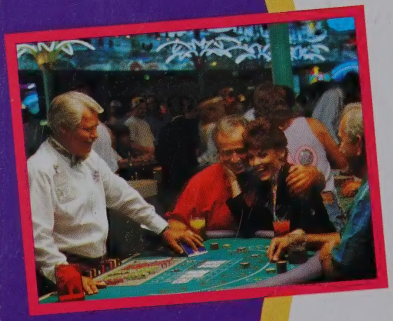

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